

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendments a cross-reference to the international application and an abstract have been supplied. The claims have been amended to omit multiple dependencies, and the claims and specification have been amended to better conform to U.S. format.

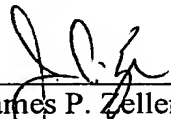
The filing fee has been calculated based on the claims as amended above. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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